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Reception to Mr. Egan. LONDON, Feb. 2.—The popular reception of James Egan, the librated Irish dynamiter in Limerick this evening, was the most remarkable demonstration yet made in his honor. The whole city was ablaze with bonfires, torchlight processions paraded with bands and banners, and almost every house was illuminated. The mayor of Limerick presided over the meeting with which the demonstration closed.

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TRUE STORY OF THE LYNCHING.

There Were Exciting Scenes at Richlands.

The Men Who Were Assaulted are Prominent Merchants of Buchanan County—Their Pockets Were Rifled—The First Negro Captured Made a Confession Implicating Three Others—The Lynching Was a Very Quiet Affair—Fears That The End Has Not Yet Been Reached.

The following is a correct account of the lynching of the four men at Richlands Tuesday and Thursday nights, and also one at Cedar Bluff, written by a special correspondent of THE TIMES, who was an eye witness:

On Monday night as A. Ratliff and Ben Shortridge, two prominent merchants of Buchanan county, were in Richlands transacting business, and having occasion to visit the west end of town proceeded by way of the Norfolk and Western railroad.

When in the cut just west of town they were waylaid by four burly negroes named John Johnson, Jerry Brown, Spencer Branch and Sam McDonald, who attacked them from both front and rear with clubs and hatchet, cutting their skulls in several places and otherwise inflicting serious bodily injuries. They then ransacked the pockets of Ratliff and Shortridge, and placed their bodies on the track, supposing them to be dead. At about 11 p. m. as a man named Robinson was passing in that direction, he discovered them lying on the track, and, giving the alarm, they were conveyed to the Clinch Valley hotel.

The following morning (Tuesday) Jerry Brown was suspected of the murder, and, having a bad reputation, was arrested, and on being questioned closely finally confessed, implicating three others, Spencer Branch, John Johnson and Sam McDonald. The authorities succeeded in capturing John Johnson and Spencer Branch and lodged them in jail, Sam McDonald in the meantime having escaped.

On Tuesday evening at about 7:30 p. m. an angry mob of about three hundred people collected around the jail and finally overpowered the authorities and took Jerry Brown from them. They proceeded with him down Front street across the river to addition No. 2 of Richlands, and strung him to an oak tree. The mob then returned to the jail after Spencer Branch and John Johnson, but found that the authorities had taken them away.

Word was at once sent to Honaker to capture Sam McDonald and hold him until they came after him, and about twenty people boarded the westbound freight Tuesday night to bring Sam McDonald back here. On Wednesday morning the mob, hearing that the authorities had Spencer Branch and John Johnson at Cedar Bluff and that a party were on the eastbound train with Sam McDonald, a mob of about three hundred people boarded the train as it arrived at this station, and immediately took McDonald in custody. They then proceeded to Cedar Bluff, and, as the train pulled into the station, a rush was made for the depot, but, on not finding their men, the mob began a general search of the town.

As the train pulled out they got word that the authorities had the murderers in McGuire's store; the train was stopped and the mob rushed across the bridge up to McGuire's store, taking Spencer Branch and John Johnson away from the police. They then signaled the train to go ahead and proceeded to bring the three (John Johnson, Sam McDonald and Spencer Branch) to Richlands, arriving there at about 10:30 a. m. They took them to the jail and after waiting some fifteen minutes, took them out and over the river to where they had hung Jerry Brown the night before. A mob of about 500 people had collected by this time, and men, women and children could be seen on all the house tops and banks surrounding the scene of the lynching.

After waiting about an hour getting confessions from the negroes, Sam McDonald was put on a horse, the noose put around his neck and the horse led from under him, launching him into eternity. After probably another half hour Spencer Branch was assisted on a horse, the noose adjusted and he likewise lynched. Then the mob turned their attention to John Johnson, who was confessing to the killing of Hurt at Doran about eighteen months ago.

He gave the whole story of the killing of Hurt, implicating two other negroes and two white men. After the mob had secured all the information possible from him, prayer was offered up by a Methodist brother (colored) and he was placed on a horse and the noose adjusted. As the horse was about to be led, he spoke and gave the crowd a bit of advice, but as he said "Good-by," the horse was started and his body dangled in the air for a few minutes and then was still.

The lynching took place between the hours of one and two p. m. and was very orderly, there being no shooting or fighting, and not one of the crowd wore masks. After the three were dead the mob dispersed, and a crowd of about fourteen proceeded to capture Sam Blow, who Johnson implicated in the Hunt murder, and on Thursday morning his body was found hanging from a tree at Cedar Bluff. This makes five negroes who have been lynched, and a more orderly and brave set of men hardly ever got together. No disturbance of any kind occurred, and a pistol shot was not heard. They worked quietly and with determination, giving each of the negroes time to confess. Each one told on the others and said they stood by and looked on.

More arrests are likely to follow, but the mob has dispersed and the authorities do not fear any more disturbance. Everything is quiet, and if any arrests are made the authorities are making efforts to take the prisoners to Tazewell. This is one of the boldest lynchings that

has ever occurred in the history of our county, and a more peaceful mob was never heard of.

On Thursday morning there was talk of a mob starting out to capture the two white men implicated in the Hunt murder, and it is feared if they are caught that they will be lynched. The mayor has ordered all barrooms closed and business is at a standstill.

It is rumored that one of the negroes who is said to have a hand in the murdering of Ratliff and Shortridge was lynched at Doran Wednesday night by a mob, but the report cannot be confirmed. A crowd is beginning to gather in town, but the authorities have things well in hand. Ratliff and Shortridge are at present at the point of death and there are but little hopes entertained of their recovery.

The bodies of the four negroes have been cut down by the authorities and are in the calaboose.

RICHLANDS, Feb. 3, 3 P. M.—(Special)—Men are coming into town from all parts of Buchanan county and it is rumored that more negroes will be lynched before morning.

THE REPORT WILL BE FAVORABLE.

The Decision of the Senate Committee on the Norfolk and Western Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate committee this morning, by a unanimous vote, decided to report the Norfolk and Western bill favorable, but with two amendments.

The first makes the entire route from the Virginia end of the proposed bridge to the terminus of the line in Washington a public highway, to be used by any road desiring to enter the District, either from the South or from Maryland. It gives such roads equal facilities with the Norfolk and Western in respect to handling freight and establishing freight stations.

The second amendment provides for a station which will be probably built on Pennsylvania avenue west of Twenty-sixth street, and insures station facilities for other roads—in other words it affords terminal facilities for which service the Norfolk and Western is to receive proper compensation from those roads desiring to occupy them.

The committee held this not to be unreasonable because of the fact that the only interest the Norfolk and Western had was a bridge across the Potomac and the crossing of Rock creek.

EAT THEIR COMPANION.

Three Norwegian Sailors Arrested For Acts of Cannibalism.

HAMBURG, Feb. 2.—Three of the seamen of the Norwegian ship Thekla, from Philadelphia, rescued by the Danish bark Herman after enduring terrible sufferings on the floundering vessel, have been arrested on the charge of murder, the charge being based on their own confession that they killed and ate a sailor of the ship in order to save themselves from death by starvation.

The sailor who was devoured was a Dutchman. The starving men drew lots as to which should die, the lot falling on the victim twice in succession. Then the others fell upon and strangled him, after which they devoured his flesh.

LAMAR'S SUCCESSOR APPOINTED.

Judge Howell E. Jackson, of Tennessee, Named For the Place.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The President has nominated Howell E. Jackson, of Tennessee, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, vice L. Q. C. Lamar.

Judge Jackson was born in Paris, Tenn., April 4, 1832. Was appointed justice of the State supreme court and elected to the State legislature in 1880 and the United States Senate in 1881. He was appointed United States district judge of Tennessee by President Cleveland in 1886.

Baptist Revival.

The crowds flocked to the First Baptist Church last night and soon filled every seat in the large auditorium and the ushers had to direct the overflow to the gallery. Dr. Harrison's sermon was full of power and the Holy Ghost. Seven persons came forward and gave the pastor and the evangelist their hand in token that they had accepted Christ as their Savior and Redeemer. Ten persons united with the church during the day. The congregation at the morning service was large and the sermon of the evangelist was one of the most tender, and at the same time, one of the most practical he has yet preached. Many rose for prayer last night, besides those who professed Christ. Services to-day at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

A Floral Tea.

A very delightful floral tea was given by Mrs. D. H. Matson yesterday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Matson was assisted in receiving by Mrs. G. Graham Anderson and Mrs. R. S. Koehler. The young ladies who were in attendance were dressed to represent different flowers. Among them were the Misses Mary Daniel, Mattie Terry, Jennie Hilary, Fannie Pole, Mrs. A. Blair Antrim, Miss Humbert, Miss Palmer, Miss Arline Johnson and the Misses Mary and Mattie Trout. The parlors were beautifully decorated with ribbons and flowers, and were thronged with the society people of Roanoke.

Injured in a Collision.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 2.—The Chicago limited on the Fort Wayne road collided with a freight train at Loudonville, 157 miles west of Pittsburgh, at 3 o'clock this morning. The engineer and fireman of the freight train and an electrician in the employ of the company were injured, but reports say the passengers escaped. The engineer may die.

A Little Rock Bank Suspends.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 2.—The First National Bank, of this city, will not open again for business. Its liabilities are understood to be over half a million. The cause that led to the suspension was the issuance of fraudulent papers by former officers of the bank to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars.

THE BOARD OF TRADE MEETS.

They Discuss the Question of Finances.

The Discussion Was Started by N. B. Johnson, Who Stated That Something Should be Done to Enable the Board to Maintain Itself—President Denton's Views—What the Other Members Think.

The Roanoke board of trade held an interesting and important meeting in the circuit court room last night. About thirty members were present and questions of vital importance to the board were discussed.

The meeting was called to order by President Denton. The report of the board of directors was read. N. B. Johnson arose and stated that something would have to be done to enable the board to maintain itself.

He said that many things might be done for the advancement of the interests of Roanoke if only the necessary funds were at hand. There was nothing that would so much and so rapidly develop this city as the minerals in the surrounding country. Some time ago he had made a motion to have a place arranged for a public display of mineral specimens, but it was defeated on account of there being no money. He favored raising the membership dues but had no plan to propose, and asked the secretary to state what the annual income and expenses of the board, in present circumstances, were.

The secretary stated that the income of the board was now about \$1,000, and the expenses were at least that amount, in fact, said he, it will take close financing to meet the expenses with \$1,000. J. Shirley Smith thought the only remedy was to increase the membership and thus increase the dues. W. P. Hough said if they could only get the merchants of the city to realize that it was to their interest to sustain the board of trade everything would be well. That some work ought to be done to get them to feel the proper appreciation of the board and pay up back dues.

J. C. Rawn thought that no amount of urging on the part of the members would avail much, and favored the plan of getting interested members to subscribe fifty cents per month in addition to dues. He declared that "solicited members" were not worth much.

The president then called A. B. Johnson to the chair and took the floor. He said the board had been able to keep things going, and thought they would still keep them moving along. "But," said he, "to do effective work the board needs money. If we had the necessary funds I think we might induce quite a number of small industries to come to Roanoke." He cited several instances wherein he thought the city had lost by the board not being strong financially.

N. B. Johnson thought they ought to get twenty men in the city who would be willing to give \$50 each. Mr. Rawn favored publishing a letter to the people, stating the needs of the board and what could be done with an increase of funds.

N. P. Foard thought to create an honorary membership at \$5 per head would be a good plan.

N. B. Johnson made a motion to have a committee appointed to look after the revenue of the board. The motion was unanimously adopted and the following gentlemen appointed by the chair: N. B. Johnson, J. C. Rawn, J. S. Smith, H. M. Engle and N. P. Foard.

The secretary then read a letter from the Martinsville board of trade, calling attention to the fact that there is no Sunday mail service on the Roanoke and Southern division of the Norfolk and Western railroad and urging the board here to co-operate with it in trying to induce the authorities in Washington to establish a Sunday service. The secretary offered some resolutions to the effect indicated, which were unanimously adopted.

The president stated that he had been so occupied that he had not yet made a selection of the various committees and could not name them until some future time.

The meeting then adjourned.

An Elopement in High Life.

OSWEGO, Feb. 2.—Frank Clark, overseer of the poor for the town of Palermo, disappeared a week ago. About the same time Mrs. Fayette Temple left for Syracuse, she said, to visit friends. It has just been discovered that they went away together. He left a wife and three children and took \$500 of the public funds. Mrs. Temple left a husband and three children. She wrote to her husband from New York saying she would never see her again. Both stood high in the community, and there was no suspicion that anything was wrong between them.

The Fight in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 2.—The populist leaders held a meeting last night and John Powers was roundly scored for not giving Greene his support. It is announced that thirteen Democrats will to day vote for Greene. If this is true he will lack but three votes and it is in the power of Powers to give him those three votes.

Tammany Braves Off for Hot Springs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Richard Croker, Police Justice Thomas F. Grady, Thomas B. Carroll, John B. Sexton, Michael F. Gwyer, James McPherson Jr., James Sweeney, Arthur Smith, William Eddy and James Fetterick left in the private car "Wanderer" on the Chicago limited for Hot Springs at 10 o'clock this morning. Senator Murphy will meet the party there. The plan for the trip has not been entirely settled. Croker may go to California.

Satell Decides Against Bishop Wigger.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Satell has decided the case against Bishop Wigger, of the Newark, N. J., diocese, sustaining the charge made by Father Killen in relation to the closing of St. Thomas Church.

NOTICE.

ROANOKE, VA., JAN. 18, 1893.
MR. H. C. WHITE HAS THIS DAY SEVERED HIS CONNECTION AS LOCAL SUBSCRIPTION AGENT FOR THE ROANOKE TIMES. FROM NOW ON ALL LOCAL SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNTS NOW DUE, OR WHICH MAY BECOME DUE, WILL BE PAYABLE ONLY TO MR. F. M. DU RANT, MR. WHITE'S SUCCESSOR, OR AT THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE TIMES.

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MR. DAVIS' REMAINS.

To Be Brought From New Orleans to Richmond for Interment May 30.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 2.—The Jefferson Davis Monument Association at a meeting this evening decided to remove Mr. Davis' remains from New Orleans to Richmond for interment here on May 30, Confederate Memorial Day. Mrs. Davis and the proper authorities of New Orleans will at once be informed of the action. Lee Camp Confederate Veterans will be asked to take charge of the arrangements for the occasion. It is proposed to send a large committee to New Orleans to accompany the remains to this city. The body will be interred in Hollywood, the site having been selected by Mrs. Davis herself. The monument will be erected in Monroe Park.

Colonel F. A. Cunningham, of Nashville, Tenn., who has been for some time the financial agent of the association, will, it is understood, not serve longer in that capacity, and new plans will be adopted to raise the money needed.

SENATOR PLATT SPEAKS.

Uncle Sam Should Control the Sandwich Islands and the Nicaragua Canal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Senator Platt, of Connecticut, chairman of the committee on Territories, is quoted as follows: "The Sandwich Islands and the Nicaragua canal are the two things the United States should control. A policy of isolation did well enough when we were an embryo nation, but to-day things are different and we must no longer look to dominion alone over the territory included between the waters that wash our own shores. We are 65,000,000 of people, the most advanced and powerful on earth, and regard to our future welfare demands an abandonment of the doctrine of isolation."

"I don't see how any of these foreign nations could rightfully protest, England and Germany in particular, as they have been in the habit of seizing hold of everything in the shape of an island or any other division of land wherever and whenever they pleased."

CRUSHED BETWEEN CARS.

Assistant Foreman Rich Killed at the West Philadelphia Car Shops.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—William F. Rich, Sr., 70 years, of 412 North Thirty-second street, was killed yesterday at the West Philadelphia car shops while crossing the Pennsylvania railroad at that point. Mr. Rich has been for forty-two years the assistant general foreman of the shops.

Yesterday he had occasion to cross the track to one of the departments. Several cars were standing on the track and he passed between two that were slightly apart. At that moment an engine backed down two other cars and Mr. Rich was crushed between the bumpers.

Several employees heard his cry and rushed to his aid. The cars were quickly backed, but it was too late, as the man fell dead between the cars.

PENNOYER SHOWS FEELING.

No Cannon For Firing a Salute Over the Inauguration of "A Wall Street Plutocrat."

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—Governor Pennoyer received a letter yesterday from his adjutant general, asking permission to use two brass cannon belonging to the State for the purpose of firing a salute inauguration day. The Governor sent the following reply: "No permission will be given to use State cannon for firing a salute over the inauguration of a Wall street plutocrat as President of the United States."

A Big Deal in Cotton Mills.

DANVILLE, Va., Feb. 2.—Information has just been received here of a big deal at Leakesville, N. C. The Leakesville cotton and woolen mills, heretofore conducted by J. T. Morehead & Co., have been sold to the Cone Exporting and Commission Company. The Cone company is known as the Plaid Trust, and with this purchase now controls all the cotton mills of any importance in North Carolina. The terms of the sale have not been announced, but it is understood that the Cone combine will proceed at once to enlarge the works and will utilize all of the splendid Smith river water power at Leakesville.

Homicide at Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 2.—Stephen Bland, colored, shot and killed another negro named Wm. Jones to-night in a room adjoining the bar-room of the Thelan & Holly, on High street. The shooting is claimed by Bland and others who witnessed it to have been accidental. Bland was arrested and committed to jail. The coroner's jury, after viewing the body, were adjourned over until to-morrow. Jones had recently come to Petersburg from Newport News.

Eighteen Miners Killed.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—An explosion of fire-damp occurred in the General von Blumenthal coal pit at Recklinghausen, Westphalia, to-day. Eighteen miners were killed instantly and seventeen were injured.

TO PRESENT HIS NIECE'S CLAIM.

The Uncle of Princess Kaiaulani in Washington.

He Stole a March on the Hawaiian Commissioners Who Are on Their Way to Washington to Present the Claims of the Provisional Government—He Will Plead With the President for the Establishment of a Protectorate With the Princess as Queen.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—John M. Cleghorn, from San Francisco, uncle of the Princess Kaiaulani, heir apparent to the Hawaiian throne, stole a march on the Hawaiian commissioners who are on their way to Washington to present the claims of the provisional government.

As soon as the news of the revolution became known Cleghorn packed his grip and took the first train to Washington, with the result that he arrived in Chicago forty-eight hours ahead of the commission and will reach the capital that much in advance of them. His purpose is to present the claims of his niece to the United States government before the committee appointed by the provisional government arrives at the national capital.

He is a brother of A. S. Cleghorn, whose deceased wife was a sister of the deposed Queen Liliuokalani, and whose daughter is the heir apparent. The princess is at a fashionable school in England. He will lay before President Harrison the claims of his niece, Princess Kaiaulani, and will plead for the establishment of a protectorate with the princess as queen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The Evening News prints the following: I have the highest authority for the statement that President Harrison and his Cabinet have determined to use their influence toward establishing a protectorate over the Sandwich Islands.

The course the administration will take when the Hawaiian commissioners arrive on Friday has already been mapped out, and a protectorate treaty will be sent, probably at the latter part of next week, to the Senate for ratification.

The commissioners, when they arrive, will be invited to appear before the President and Cabinet for the presentation of their credentials and papers. Should there be nothing in these documents to change the present purpose of the administration, based upon information already in possession of the State Department, a treaty will be drawn up and signed whereby the protection of the United States will be guaranteed to the government, which will be established in Hawaii to take the place of the present provisional government.

A republican constitution will be adopted for the Sandwich Islands embodying the suggestions of the United States, and this form of government will undoubtedly replace the monarchy which has so recently been overthrown.

The action of Minister Stevens in calling for the landing of United States marines from the Boston, of which Queen Liliuokalani so bitterly complains, is not only thoroughly approved by the Washington authorities, but was, as a matter of fact, taken under express orders from Washington sent to Mr. Stevens as long as two months ago. Previous to that time it became apparent to Secretary of State Foster that it would not be long before the unsettled condition of affairs in the island would culminate in a revolution and the abdication of the queen.

The possible seizure of the islands by an European power at this moment occurred to the Secretary, and, after consultation with the President, it was determined that the United States should be forehanded in the affair, and at the first signs of the outbreak should take such steps as were necessary to preserve the interests of this country and at the same time keep the peace and prevent the destruction of life and property.

The Mary Washington Monument.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Feb. 2.—The Mary Washington Monument Association of Fredericksburg, Va., has unanimously adopted a resolution "that this association request the National Mary Washington Memorial Association to reconsider its recent action touching the present erection of the proposed monument to the memory of Mary Washington at a cost of \$11,000, and to postpone the execution of any contract for said monument for one year longer, and to make strenuous efforts during said period to collect more money to build a more imposing structure to this great woman's memory, to which effort this association pledges its earnest co-operation." Mayor A. P. Rowe and Hon. John S. Pitter, members of the advisory board, will to-morrow visit Mrs. Chief Justice Waite, president of the national association, for conference on the subject, at which time they will present the resolution. It is the earnest wish of this community that the request contained in this resolution will be granted.

Heavy Failure in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 2.—The Anchor Foundry and Machine Company, owned by Wharton McKnight, failed to-day. The liabilities are placed at about \$124,000.

The Bank of Pittsburg, Diamond National Bank, Odd Fellows' Savings Bank and the Merchants and Manufacturers' National Bank, together with Mrs. S. O. McKnight, are the principal creditors.

Ex-Secretary Endicott Ill.

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 2.—Ex-Secretary of War Endicott is ill at his home of pneumonia, complicated with other ailments. He is very weak and his condition is critical.

Tents for the Islanders.

MALTA, Feb. 2.—The British cruiser Camperdown leaves at midnight with tents for the relief of the Zante Islanders. The shock of the earthquake was felt here.